



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 12/21/2018

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 12/21/2018

Time: 6:24 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: E. St. Rt. 161 / New Albany Rd

Zone: 1

Precinct: 6

Incident Report #: 181058999

Cruiser District: 64

Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:
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**Incident Summary:** On December 21, 2018, at approximately 6:24 AM, Mr. Joel Rosell (31), of Ferris Rd. in Columbus, was alone in his Honda Accord driving eastbound on St. Rt. 161, just west of New Albany Rd. At this time, Mr. Charles Tynes (43), of Northridge Rd. in Columbus, was alone in his Buick, also driving eastbound on St. Rt. 161, just west of New Albany Rd. Mr. Rosell's vehicle and Mr. Tynes' vehicle collided. Both drivers lost control of their respective vehicles and spun into, and then through, the grass median before entering the westbound lanes of St. Rt. 161. Mr. Tynes' vehicle entered the path of a semi tractor-trailer being operated by Mr. James Hayes (51) of Newark, OH. The truck collided with Mr. Tynes' vehicle. The westbound truck then crossed the grassy median and the eastbound lanes of St. Rt. 161 before crashing into the guardrail on the south side of the freeway. Mr. Tynes' Buick came to rest in the median. Mr. Rosell's Honda also came to rest in the median.

Mr. Tynes was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS personnel. Mr. Hayes was evaluated at the scene by EMS, but was not transported. Mr. Rosell was transported to St. Ann's Hospital by EMS for further evaluation, but is expected to be released later today.

The semi's trailer was empty at the time of the crash.

The investigation is continuing.

To date in 2018, the City of Columbus has had 62 fatal traffic crashes resulting in 68 fatalities.

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